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Pebble stakeholders and interested parties,

With the release of Pebble's Environmental and Socioeconomic Baseline Studies in January 2012, The Keystone Center is resuming its efforts to convene a series of Independent Science Panels (ISPs) to review and evaluate the studies. The series of ISPs will continue with a 3-day panel on Geology and Geochemistry & Hydrology and Water Quality scheduled for October 2-4, 2012, and a 3-day panel on Fish, Wildlife, and Habitat & Socioeconomic and Cultural Dimensions scheduled for October 9-11. A final science panel discussion exploring both mining and no-mine scenarios has not yet been scheduled. The panels will be held in the Consortium Library on the University of Alaska, Anchorage, campus and will be open to the public. They will also be broadcast and web-streamed live by KTOO on Alaska Public Television.

Registration for the science panels is now open and space is limited. Please register to attend one or more of the panels by visiting [www.keystone.org/ISPRegistration](http://www.keystone.org/ISPRegistration) or by calling (866) 276-3074.

For more information please visit the Keystone Center's website at [www.keystone.org/pebble](http://www.keystone.org/pebble) and see the attached informational flyer.

Thank you, we look forward to seeing you in October,

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## Independent Science Panels on Pebble's Baseline Studies and Mine Plan

October 2012  
UAA Consortium Library, Room 307  
Anchorage, AK

### Evaluating Baseline Studies and Mining Plan

The Pebble Partnership has been engaged in baseline environmental and socioeconomic studies for more than seven years. These studies form the basis for critical decisions regarding whether to go forward with a mining proposal and, if so, how it might be developed. Because the baseline studies are critical to decision making, their sufficiency and credibility are of utmost importance.

Pebble is also developing a mine plan to extract minerals while minimizing and mitigating risks associated with resource development in the Bristol Bay region. The mine plan presents considerable challenges for those trying to understand the potential risks, benefits and tradeoffs associated with the construction, operation, and closure of a large scale mine.

The Keystone Center has assembled a series of independent science panels to help stakeholders understand and evaluate baseline studies and a proposed mining plan. The science panels will focus on the following topics:

- ♦ **Geology, geochemistry, hydrology and water quality studies—October 2-4**
- ♦ **Fish, wildlife and habitat and socioeconomic and cultural studies—October 9-11**
- ♦ **Evaluating choices**—a panel discussion designed to help stakeholders examine a mine plan and its potential influence on the region's ecological, social, and economic base. **TBD**

**Panelists:** Independent science panels will be assembled from academic institutions, government research agencies, and non-governmental organizations that engage in objective scientific studies. Panelists are selected by an independent science advisory committee that is working with the Keystone Center. Panelists will work without compensation other than modest travel expenses.

**Webcast:** The event will be filmed by 360 North and streamed through a live online broadcast. Remote participants may submit questions and comments by email during the events.

**Register:** An online registration link will be activated in August 2012 and can be accessed at [www.keystone.org/pebble](http://www.keystone.org/pebble). For additional information contact Todd Bryan at [tbryan@keystone.org](mailto:tbryan@keystone.org)